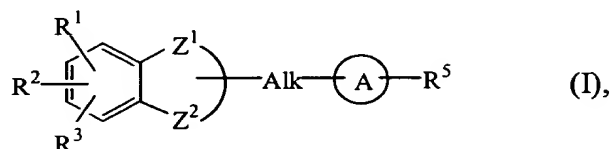


**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (currently amended) A compound of formula (I)



a stereochemically isomeric form thereof, an *N*-oxide form thereof, a pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt thereof, or a quaternary ammonium salt thereof, wherein Alk is C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylcarbonyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylcarbonylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, carbonyl, carbonylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, or C<sub>1-6</sub>alkanediyl optionally substituted with hydroxy, halo, amino, hydroxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyloxy, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyloxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylcarbonyloxy, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylcarbonyloxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyloxy, carbonyloxy, or C<sub>3-6</sub>cycloalkylcarbonyloxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyloxy, carbonyloxy;

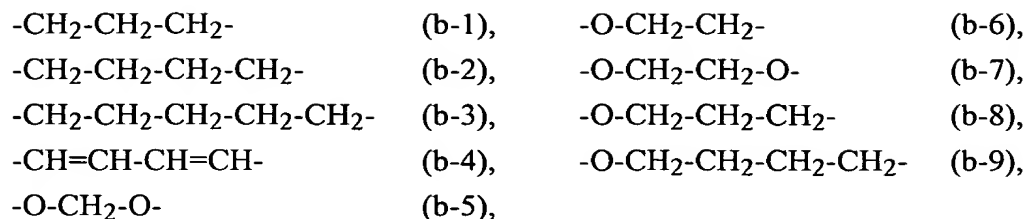
-Z<sup>1</sup>-Z<sup>2</sup>- is a bivalent radical of formula

- O-CH(R<sup>4</sup>)-CH<sub>2</sub>- (a-1),
- O-CH(R<sup>4</sup>)-CH<sub>2</sub>-O- (a-2),
- O-CH(R<sup>4</sup>)-CH<sub>2</sub>-S- (a-3),
- O-CH(R<sup>4</sup>)-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>- (a-4),
- O-CH(R<sup>4</sup>)-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>- (a-5),
- O-C(R<sup>4</sup>)=CH- (a-6),
- O-C(R<sup>4</sup>)=CH-CH<sub>2</sub>- (a-7),
- O-C(R<sup>4</sup>)=CH-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>- (a-8), or
- O-CH(R<sup>4</sup>)-CH=CH- (a-9),

wherein optionally one or two hydrogen atoms on the same or a different carbon atom may be replaced by hydroxy;

R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> are each independently selected from hydrogen, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>3-6</sub>alkenyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy, trihalomethyl, trihalomethoxy, halo, hydroxy, cyano, nitro, amino, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylcarbonylamino, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy, carbonyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylcarbonyloxy, aminocarbonyl, mono- or di(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminocarbonyl, aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, mono- or di(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylcarbonyloxy-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyloxy, carbonyloxy, or C<sub>3-6</sub>cycloalkylcarbonyloxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyloxy, carbonyloxy; or

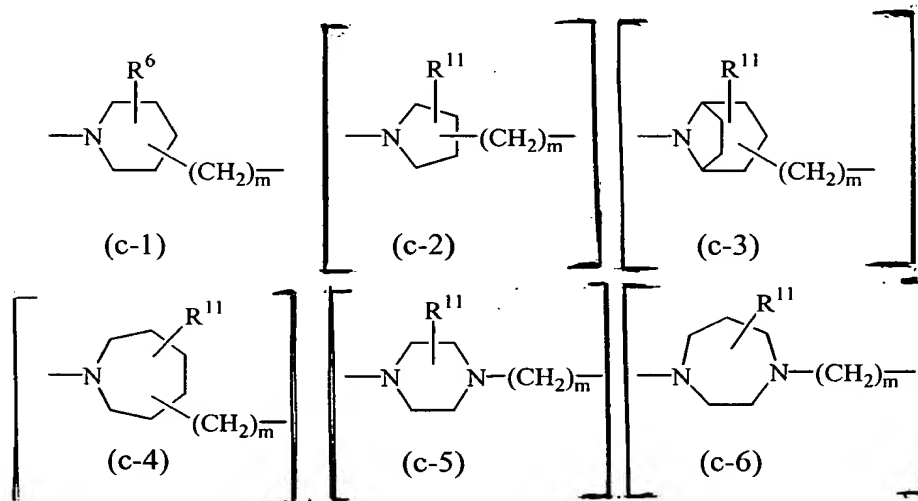
when R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are on adjacent carbon atoms, R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> taken together may form a bivalent radical of formula



wherein optionally one or two hydrogen atoms on the same or a different carbon atom may be replaced by hydroxy, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl or CH<sub>2</sub>OH;

R<sup>4</sup> is hydrogen, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, phenylmethyl, hydroxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyloxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyloxycarbonyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylcarbonyloxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyloxycarbonyl, C<sub>3-6</sub>cycloalkylcarbonyloxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyloxycarbonyloxy[, or a direct bond when the bivalent radical -Z<sup>1</sup>-Z<sup>2</sup>- is of formula (a-6), (a-7) or (a-8)];

—(A)— is a bivalent radical of formula

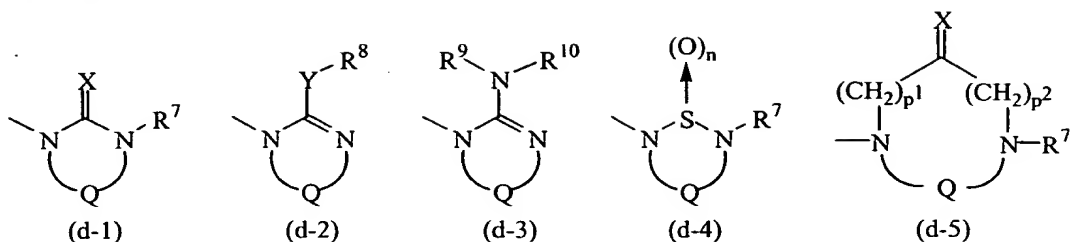


wherein m is 0 or 1;

R<sup>6</sup> is C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, halo, hydroxy, hydroxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyloxy, aminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyloxycarbonyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylcarbonyloxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyloxycarbonyl, or C<sub>3-6</sub>cycloalkylcarbonyloxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyloxycarbonyloxy;

[R<sup>11</sup> is hydrogen, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, halo, hydroxy, hydroxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyloxy, aminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyloxycarbonyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylcarbonyloxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyloxycarbonyl, or C<sub>3-6</sub>cycloalkylcarbonyloxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyloxycarbonyloxy;]

R<sup>5</sup> is a radical of formula



wherein n is 1 or 2;

p<sup>1</sup> is 0, and p<sup>2</sup> is 1 or 2; p<sup>1</sup> is 1 or 2, and p<sup>2</sup> is 0;

X is oxygen, sulfur, NR<sup>9</sup> or CHNO<sub>2</sub>;

Y is oxygen or sulfur;

R<sup>7</sup> is hydrogen, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>3-6</sub>cycloalkyl, phenyl or phenylmethyl;

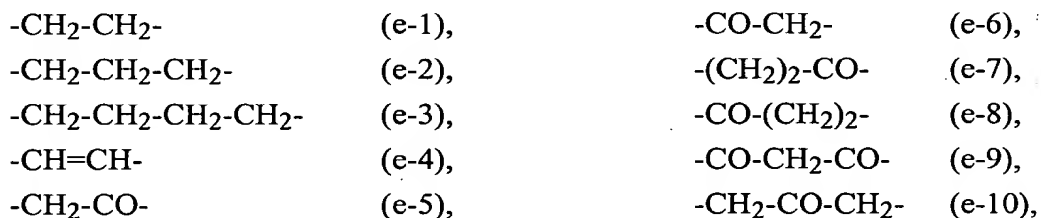
R<sup>8</sup> is C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>3-6</sub>cycloalkyl, phenyl or phenylmethyl;

R<sup>9</sup> is cyano, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>3-6</sub>cycloalkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxycarbonyl or aminocarbonyl;

R<sup>10</sup> is hydrogen or C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl;

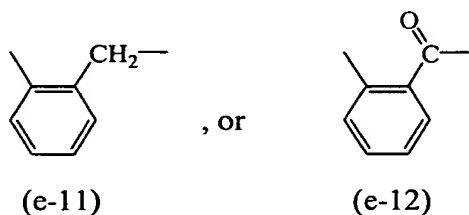
or R<sup>9</sup> and R<sup>10</sup> taken together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached may form a pyrrolidinyl, piperidinyl, homopiperidinyl, piperazinyl, or morpholinyl group, optionally substituted with C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl or C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyloxy; and

Q is a bivalent radical of formula



wherein optionally one or two hydrogen atoms on the same or a different carbon atom may be replaced by C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, hydroxy or phenyl, or

Q is a bivalent radical of formula



Claim 2 (original) A compound as claimed in claim 1 wherein  $R^5$  is a radical of formula (d-1) wherein X is oxygen, and Q is a radical of formula (e-1) or (e-2).

Claim 3 (currently amended) A compound as claimed in claim 1 wherein  $R^4$  is hydrogen;  $-Z^1-Z^2-$  is of formula  $[-CH_2-CH_2-]$  (a-4), Alk is  $-CH_2-$ ; the bivalent radical  $\text{---}(\text{A})\text{---}$  is of formula (c-1) wherein  $R^{[1]6}$  is hydroxy or methoxy and  $m = 0$ ; and  $R^5$  is a radical of formula (d-1) wherein X is oxygen,  $R^7$  is hydrogen, and Q is (e-2).

Claim 4 (canceled)

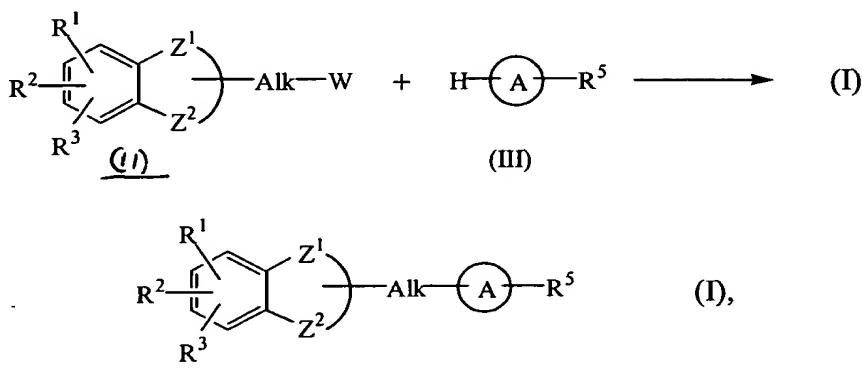
Claim 5 (currently amended) A compound according to claim 1 wherein  $R^4$  is hydrogen;  $-Z^1-Z^2-$  is of formula  $[-CH_2-CH_2-]$  (a-4), Alk is  $-CH(OH)-CH_2-$ ; the bivalent radical  $\text{---}(\text{A})\text{---}$  is of formula (c-1),  $m = 0$ ,  $R^6$  is hydroxy or hydroxymethyl; and  $R^5$  is a radical of formula (d-1) wherein X is oxygen,  $R^7$  is hydrogen, and Q is (e-2).

Claim 6 (previously presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and a therapeutically active amount of a compound as claimed in claim 1.

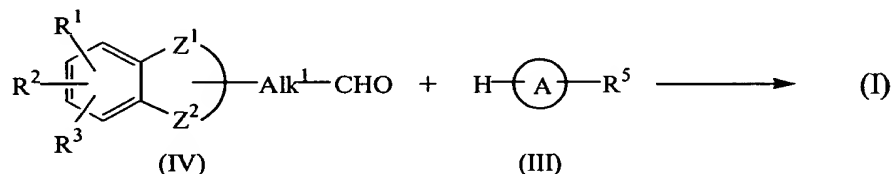
Claim 7 (canceled)


Claim 8 (canceled)

Claim 9 (currently amended) A process for preparing a compound of formula (I) wherein  
a) an intermediate of formula (II) is alkylated with an intermediate of formula (III) in a reaction-inert solvent and, optionally in the presence of a suitable base,



- b) an intermediate of formula (IV), wherein Alk<sup>1'</sup> represents a direct bond or C<sub>1-5</sub>alkanediyl, is reductively alkylated with an intermediate of formula (III);



wherein in the above reaction schemes the radicals -Z<sup>1</sup>-Z<sup>2</sup>-, R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, [R<sup>4</sup>], R<sup>5</sup>, Alk and the bivalent radical  are as defined in claim 1 and W is an appropriate leaving group;

- c) or[, compounds of formula (I) are converted into each other following art-known transformation reactions; or if desired;] a compound of formula (I) is converted into an acid addition salt, or conversely, an acid addition salt of a compound of formula (I) is converted into a free base form with alkali; and, if desired, preparing stereochemically isomeric forms thereof.

Claim 10 (previously presented) A method of treating conditions related to a hampered or impaired relaxation of the fundus comprising administering to a subject in need thereof an effective amount of a compound as claimed in claim 1.